President.—But Dr. Verghese, you do not mean any reflection?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No Sir, I do not mean any reflection.

President.—Now, you are satisfied. Shall we pass on to the next question?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—But my question is not answered. How can it be said that a Memo has not been served, when one has actually been served?

President.—The difficulty in all these matters is this. You want a particular answer to be given to a question. But that particular answer will not be given. What are we to do? As I told you, the answers are beautifully evasive.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Apart from that, the answer given is in direct contradiction to facts.

President.—It is not a contradiction, if it is understood in the way in which the official Member wants it to be understood. It may be that you are not satisfied with the answer. He issued a Memo to the Sub-Assistant Surgeon of the Kuriarkutti Dispensary. You must know that a Memo is always an order. We can understand a Memo being sent by the Head of a Department to one of his subordinates and not to a private person. Of course, the Sub-Assistant Surgeon might have been directed to send a copy of the Memo; otherwise he would not have sent it. From this you cannot say that a Memo was sent to Dr. A. R. Menon. It was forwarded with a covering letter. To send a copy of the Memo with a covering letter is not serving a memo.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—"Copy to be forwarded" it is said. Instead of the Chief Medical Officer sending it to Dr. A. R. Menon, he sent it to the Sub-Assistant Surgeon, who, in his turn, sent it by his peon. That is all.

President.—That is, it is a piece of information which was ordered to be conveyed to Dr. A. R. Menon. It was not an order but only a piece of information. A copy of the Memo was sent to Dr. A. R. Menon through the medium of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is the fact, and you say that no Memo has been served I don't know how that can be reconciled with facts.

President.—That is to say, in the specific sense it was not a Memo. It was an intimation conveying the orders of the Chief Medical Officer.

The expenditure incurred by Government under certain heads.

143. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state each of the various heads and the amount of

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each item of expenditure incurred in the year 1101, in the year 1102 up-to-date by the Government from item 31 (3) 'Subscriptions and Donations' and 31 (10) 'Miscellaneous and Unforeseen charges' of the budget of the State and the date of expenditure in each case ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Government regret that the details under 31 (3) 'Subscriptions and Donations' cannot be published consistently with public interest.

A statement showing the details of expenditure under 'Miscellaneous and Unforeseen charges' is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Why is it that the details cannot be published ?

President.—It is not consistent with public interest.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Why is it ?

President.—For receiving a certain guest we have to spend Rs. 5, for receiving another it may be Rs. 25, and these are matters which ought not to be disclosed. We are not to publish what we spend upon our hospitality. The left hand should not know what the right hand gives.

144. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to furnish date-war details of expenditure under the head 'Miscellaneous', "Subscriptions and donations" in 1101 with particulars of credit to the same head by abatement of charge or by transfer?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 143.

The Co-operative Department.

145. Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) for how long after the passing of the Co-operative Societies Regulation was the movement in the charge of officers burdened with other duties ;

(2) when did the Government apply for the service of a trained officer from the Madras Presidency ;

(3) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table the report submitted by the new officer soon after he took charge ;

(4) how many societies were there when the new officer took charge; how many were registered since then, how many were cancelled; how many are working now ;

(5) have the Government of India at any time appreciated the progress of the movement in the State; if so, in what terms;

(6) have the Government compared the figures of the State with those for the other parts of India;

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